

Italy-France Online eTwinning Seminar

Sustainable development and climate challenges (draft program)

September 28th- October 14th

The bilateral eTwinning Seminar between France and Italy will take place online from September 28th to October 14th in an online learning environment, an eTwinning Group entitled "Sustainable Development Teaching through eTwinning". The event will bring together 100 participants selected among lower and upper secondary school teachers in France and Italy, who are registered in eTwinning with a beginner-intermediate level of experience in eTwinning (0-3 projects). All subject areas are welcome. The seminar will take place in English but the projects can use other languages.

The aim of the seminar is to help teachers become familiar with the eTwinning platform and virtual classes (TwinSpaces), get inspiration for projects and activities with their pupils on sustainable development and climate challenges. Most significantly, over the course of 2 weeks, the participants in this event will find a project partner, then design and register a simple project related to the theme of the seminar that they should implement with their pupils. The seminar is organized by the eTwinning National Support Services in France and Italy.

For any additional information, please contact:

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Target audience

Teachers from upper and lower secondary school, pupils age 11-18, with beginner-intermediate level of experience in eTwinning (0-3 projects). All teachers are welcome as long as they speak English with at least B1 level and are willing to create a European eTwinning project with one of the other participants, preferably on the theme of sustainable development/climate challenges. Applications of 2 colleagues (not more) from the same school are highly encouraged.

Fifty teachers will be selected in France and fifty in Italy.

Pre-requisites:

Potential participants should:

- Be registered in eTwinning and have an active profile
- Have participated in 0-3 eTwinning projects (no more than 3).
- Have at least a B1 level of English, B2 is preferable
- Teach in an upper and lower secondary school in France or Italy, with pupils ages 11-18

Selection criteria:

- Fits target audience and pre-requisites

- Demonstrates motivation and willingness to create an eTwinning project with another participant of the online seminar
- Applications of 2 teachers from the same school are highly encouraged and would have an advantage in selection

Links for online application, to be filled in English:

- Teachers teaching in France:
- Teachers teaching in Italy:

OBJECTIVES

- Create eTwinning Projects between French and Italian teachers on Sustainable Development & Climate Change
- Become autonomous in the use of the eTwinning Platform and exploit all its tools for online collaboration and communication at their full potentials, in particular the virtual class used to carry out eTwinning projects (TwinSpace)
- Acquire or strengthen the following skills: project planning, project management, online collaboration and group work, documentation of project activities
- Get familiar with innovative student-centered pedagogical approaches such as project based learning, personalized learning, competency-based learning ...

METHODOLOGY

- Online interactive Learning Environment with synchronous & asynchronous activities
- Highly personalized approach:
 - participants will be able to make use of learning materials according to their starting level of experience and knowledge in eTwinning (all webinars will be recorded and made available, study materials and tutorials will be indexed and uploaded in the group in order to be used at each participants' own pace)
 - participants will be accompanied in the search of a fit project partner and in the planning of project activities well integrated in their curriculum
 - for the whole duration of the seminar, participants will be offered personalized support and tutoring in case of need and a helpdesk forum
- Great emphasis on peer learning & peer interaction among participants, National Support members, experts and ambassadors (forum, TS board, chat, live events)

CALENDAR & ACTIVITIES

28 September: Invitation to join the eTwinning Group and preparatory activities.

- **30 September 16:00-18:00 webinar n. 1** – Introduction to the seminar, key note and best practices
- **2 October 17:30-19:30 webinar n. 2** – eTwinning Live & the TwinSpace, networking activities
- **7 October 16:00-18:00 Webinar n. 3** – Project planning and group work on projects
- **14 October 16:00-18:00 Webinar n. 4** – Projects presentation and conclusion

In between webinars, participants will be offered a selection of tailored study materials and useful links and will be asked to carry out some tasks and network among themselves in order to find the right partner/s and start planning an eTwinning project.

CERTIFICATES

Teachers attending at least 2 live webinars out of 4 for at least 1 hour (and watching the recording for the others), carrying out all course tasks and founding an eTwinning project (or, if not possible, uploading the group filled project planning template in the eTwinning Group), will receive a participation certificate for 20 hours of online training.

DETAILED PROGRAM

Part 1: Seminar Launch (September 28-30)

Online activities before September 30th

1. Enter the eTwinning Group and read program and useful info on Online event
2. Watch recorded general presentation of eTwinning and national websites
3. Prepare your self-presentation (1 minute video, instructions will be given)

Live! Wednesday September 30th, 16:00-18:00 - Webinar n°1

- 16:00-16:15 Introduction to the Online Event/course - France
- 16:15-16:45 Key note speaker, Maria Chiara Pettenati (INDIRE)
- 16:45-16:55 10 minute break
- 16:55-17:45 2 eTwinning project examples
- 17:45-18:00 Q&A and assignments

Part 2: Discovering eTwinning & Initial Partner Search (Sept. 30th-Oct. 2nd)

Online activities before October 2nd

1. Discover key functions on eTwinning Live
2. Get to know each other and find a partner
3. Get started on eTwinning Live

Live! Friday October 2nd, 17:30-19:30, Webinar n°2

- 17:30-17:50 eTwinning Live: main issues as emerged from helpdesk/forum + Q&A
- 17:50-18:10 eTwinning Live: how to create a Live Event, how to create a project

- 18:10-18:40 Introduction to the TwinSpace and key features
- 18:40-19:00 Tips for your TwinSpace: good examples and signs of a collaborative project
- 19:00-19:05 Partner finding instructions
- 19:05-19:30 Break out rooms for networking activities (on subject/theme/zodiac sign...).

Part 3: Project Design and Partner Finding (October 2-7)

Online activities between Friday October 2nd and Wednesday October 7th

1. What goes into a successful project? Inspiration and methodology!
2. Finding a project partner! The heart of the seminar...
3. Once you have found a partner... get your partnership organized!

Live! Wednesday October 7th, 16:00 - 18:00 Webinar n°3

- 16:00 - 16:30 Tips for planning your project and designing collaborative activities
- 16:30 - 17:00 Check-in: where are you in the project-process and what to do now?
- 17:00 - 18:00 Project-planning in small groups / partner-finding

Part 4: Planning your projects (October 7-14)

Online activities, between October 7-14th

1. Finalize project planning with your partners by October 14th.
2. Register your project in eTwinning Live
3. If you have time, create a poster or infographic
4. Be ready to present during on the 14th

Live! Wednesday October 14th, 16:00-17:30, webinar n°4

- 16:00 - 16:15 General overview of projects and live help
- 16:15 - 17:15 7 project presentations
- 17:15 - 17:30 Conclusions & greetings, collective selfie